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SUBJECT: REPORTED INTENTION BY TWO ETHIOPIANS TO SEEK

- ADMISSION TO THE US

1. UNDP OFFICIAL BULCHA DEMEKSA (ETHIOPIAN) MARCH 20 INFORMED POLCOUNS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM TWO ETHIOPIANS PRESENTLY IN BELGRADE STATING THAT THEY INTEND TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BELGRADE MARCH 23 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN GAINING ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE TWO ARE YOUNG PEOPLE (BOTH ABOUT 19) SENT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY THE EPMG FOR POLITICAL TRAINING. THEY WERE SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR VILLAGE IN WOLLEGA PROVINCE, IN WESTERN ETHIOPIA, IN A PROGRAM OF POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING PREPARING THEM AS MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED "DEFENSE SQUAD" IN THEIR RURAL AREA. THEIR DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE SURVEILLANCE OF NEIGHBORS AND PARTICIPATION IN "REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE" DETAILS TO ELIMINATE OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME. THE TWO WROTE BULCHA THAT THEY ACCEPTED THE TRAINING ABROAD BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT DECLINE, BUT THEY ALSO SOUGHT A WAY TO GET OUT OF ETHIOPIA.

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3. BULCHA, WHO IS A GALLA FROM WOLLEGA, SAID ONE OF THE TWO CHILDREN, HAILU (FNU) IS IDENTIFIED AS THE SON OR GRANDSON OF AN OLD FRIEND OF BULCHA'S FATHER. THE GIRL, HAREGE WYNE, IS UNKNOWN TO HIM BUT APPARENTLY ALSO COMES OF GALLA STOCK IN THE SAME COMMUNITY. BULCHA SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED REPEATED REPORTS OF THE HARDSHIPS BEING EXPERI-

ENCED BY THE GALLAS IN HIS HOME AREA UNDER THE PRESENT REGIME. WOLLEGA IS ONE OF THE REGIONS WITH A TRADITION OF ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES THAT HAS PROVEN MOST TROUBLESOME TO THE EPMG.

4. BULCHA IS RESIDENT AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UN. HE HOLDS A RECENTLY RENEWED ETHIOPIAN PASSPORT AND HAS BEEN RESIDENT IN THE U.S. FOR SEVERAL YEARS (FIRST AS ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE BANK AND FUND IN WASHINGTON, AND NOW AS AN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANT). HE WAS VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE FORMER IEG. HE HAS BEEN KNOWN AS A PROFESSIONAL CONTACT AND PERSONAL FRIEND TO POLCOUNS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

5. BULCHA IS WILLING TO RECEIVE THE TWO ETHIOPIANS FROM BELGRADE. HE WOULD GUARANTEE THEIR AIR FARE AND CARE IN THE U.S. IF NECESSARY.

6. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MEET THE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. LEONARD

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